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Editorial

Clearing the air on immigration practices

Our community has been expressing grave concern about immigration officials and their treatment of people from the Caribbean.

Consider the following incidents:

- Airlines from the Caribbean are searched during the Caribana season, in an alleged campaign by immigration officials to root out smuggling – of people, that is, not drugs. Not one illegal immigrant was uncovered among the passengers, who, after all, were either returning home or coming to spend their money in the Canadian economy.
- Unlanded Guyanese migrants are loaded on airplanes chartered by renegade immigration bureaucrats, and flown back to Guyana under cover of night and in violation of sovereignty laws.
- An unlanded young Jamaican migrant is chased through an apartment building by immigration officers, and plunges off a balcony to his death.

When was the last time you heard of such things happening with illegal immigrants from other parts of the world, like the United States? Can't remember? Neither can we.

In fact, it looks very much to us that Citizenship and Immigration Canada officials, especially those on the front line, have one set of behaviour toward people from the Caribbean and another to other nationalities.

Of course, immigration spokespeople deny this. In two meetings with the

Jamaican Canadian Association, spokespeople say their practices do not target Caribbean people – that, in fact, airlines arriving from European countries tend to be searched most for potential illegal immigrants. Immigration wants us to believe that it is simply due to media attention why it seems that people from the Caribbean get worse treatment than others.

In our view, actions speak louder than words. And action is what we have to go by. For while Citizenship and Immigration Canada officials want us to take their word that Caribbean people are not being unfairly targeted, they have no official statistics to prove otherwise.

It is somewhat to their credit that some immigration officials are willing to meet with the community in order to share information about their entry, investigative, and removal policies and practices – including deportations. We urge all members and friends of the JCA to come to the meeting with your questions and your judgment. It's time to clear the air on these issues.

The community meeting on immigration practices, featuring officials from Citizenship and Immigration Canada, will be held on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2000, 7–9 p.m., at the JCA Community Centre, 995 Arrow Road (Finch and Hwy 400).

QUARTERLY MEMBERS MEETING

Sunday
February 27, 2000
2 p.m. at the JCA
Centre

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President's report

By Herman Stewart

I would like to use this medium to extend warm wishes to all readers for happiness and good health in the New Year. As we begin the new millennium we at the JCA are poised to meet the challenges ahead of us. With our new community centre and expanded programs we are in a position to better deal with the demands of our community.

One of our greatest challenges is to generate enough revenue through our banquet hall rentals to meet the bank loan repayment each month. So far we have been able to rent the banquet hall most Saturdays, however, revenues from four Saturdays in the month does not cover the cost of operating the centre each month.

We need to sustain our past fundraising efforts, and this is why I will be recommending to the Board of Directors that we launch a car raffle drive for this summer. We should be able to generate Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), which will go towards the loan repayment.

The Buy-A-Brick/window/door recognition is now in place. It is still not too late to buy a brick, door or window.

The town hall meeting regarding immigration matters will take place on February 10/00. We will be meeting with the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration on February 17/00. We will be discussing our proposal to the provincial government for financial assistance for our community centre.

The demand for financial help from members of our community who are in distress is increasing. The association does not have the resources necessary to help. To address this matter, I am proposing the establishment of a charity fund. In order to generate the revenue necessary to start up such a fund we will be sponsoring a fundraising dance on Saturday, March 04/00. I trust this endeavour will have your wholehearted support.

The Capital Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a Brunch on February 20/00. I am urging strong support for this event.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Brunch and/or the membership meeting on Sunday, February 27, 2000.

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH!!!

**The
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**TOGETHER
WE CAN
DO IT.**



Welcome to the JCA Team

Executive Director

Elaine Thompson

Origins: Born in Kingston, Jamaica, raised in Longwood District near Santa Cruz, St. Elizabeth. Mother Eunice born in Santa Cruz, daughter of Mavis Rhodd. Father Raymond born in Braes River.

JCA Connections: Member since 1987. Former assistant secretary to the board. Former Membership Committee member. Nominating committee chair for 1997/98.

Great loves: Daughters Akila and Olivia Thompson-Powell. The Blue

Mountains in Jamaica. The whole of the Jamaican land and people.

Work history: From 1988 to 1999, communications officer for the Ontario Government, based at the Ministry of the Attorney General, with stints at Economic Development and Trade and at Citizenship, Culture and Recreation. Radio producer and later public relations officer for the Jamaican Information Service from 1984 to 1987. Past writer for the Black community weekly Contrast (now defunct) in the early 80s.

Community history (aside from JCA):

CUSO volunteer in Kingston, Jamaica from 1998 to 1999, working with the Association of Development Agencies on community development, economic advocacy and environmental advocacy. Secretary for the Universal African Improvement Association in the early 1980s. Public relations officer for Ujaama. Girl Guide leader. Current long-distance member of the Jamaica Natural History Society which promotes public education about Jamaica's plants and animals.

Goals for the JCA: For now, to review our social services to the community, to see how we can better meet people's needs.

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD TOUR

The Education and Cultural & Women's Committees Invites you to Join Them on July 1, 2000 on a Tour of the UNDERGROUND HERITAGE RAILROAD.

"It's a Journey Back In Time"

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR INCLUDE

AMHERSTBURGH'S BLACK HISTORICAL MUSEUM

DRESDEN'S UNCLE TOM'S CABIN

NORTH BUSTON'S RALEIGH TOWNSHIP CENTENNIAL MUSEUM

THE DETROIT AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTRE

For further Information call JCA @ 416-746-5772 and see insert in "In Focus"

SENIORS CLUB

995 Arrow Road
Tues. & Thurs., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Our activities Include:

arts and crafts, choral group, discussions, seminars and field trips. Come and meet people who will treat you like family and a friend!! For more information call

(416) 746-5772

Excerpts of New Year's Message from Jamaica

By P. J. Patterson, Prime Minister of Jamaica

The year just ending has undoubtedly been one of the most challenging for all of us.

It was one where our mettle was severely tested but we have endured and there is much for which we can give thanks.

We must be grateful to the Almighty for the gift of life and the possibilities for hope. We have been spared the worst ravages of nature and still remain a land of spectacular beauty. We remain an assertive people, creative, resilient and full of talent.

Our achievements defy our size and geography. Only a few days ago, Bob Marley's "Exodus" was selected as the album of the Century. This follows the choice of "One Love" as the Anthem for the BBC's commemoration of the Millennium.

This special New Year provides a splendid opportunity for a fresh start.

It demands that each of us play our

part, and not be content just to leave to the Government or everyone else, in building the quality society we seek...

What are the elements of this new Jamaica?...

It is the vision of a society, which is:

? Caring
? Proud
? Disciplined
? Safe
? Productive and technologically vibrant.

A society that is fair; one which embraces the highest possible ethical value. All of us have a role in achieving this vision of Jamaica... We have to try to live that line of our National Anthem, which says: "Jamaica, land we LOVE"

If we truly love Jamaica, we

have to:

- Hold our country in high esteem, defending it, being proud of its achievements, being willing to help in correcting its mistakes, whoever made them and whenever!

- We have to be committed to serving it to the best of one's ability, regardless of partisan belief or personal sacrifice, because our allegiance is to Jamaica and its interests are foremost.

I urge all Jamaicans, both at home and abroad, to join together in forging the collective vision for our nation and to unite in building the great land that we all know to be possible.

May God's richest blessings abide with each and everyone of us throughout the New Year and into the new millennium.

Contributed by the Jamaica Information Service

Jamaica Mortgage Bank Report

Submitted by: Patrick Peart, Director of Finance, JMB

In October 1999 Jamaica Mortgage Bank representatives held successful meetings in four cities in Ontario, Canada. The meetings encouraged Jamaicans in Canada to invest in instruments with proceeds being channeled into housing and infrastructure projects in Jamaica. This project is similar to one undertaken in Israel in 1958.

Attendees in each city showed great interest in the presentation. The Jamaican Canadian Association in Toronto along with the Counsel General, Herman LaMont hosted a very well attended session in North York. In Ottawa the High Commissioner to Canada, His Excellency Mr. Raymond Wolfe attended and pledged his full support for the initiative.

The JMB team also visited the state of Israel Bonds Administrators in Canada and met with the Vice President, Lawrence Waller. He was very supportive of the idea and expressed the view that our project would be a success. The JMB team thanks the Jamaican Canadian Association and all the volunteers for your generous assistance in making these events a success.

Women's Space

Submitted by the JCA Women's Committee

Source: Great Negroes Past & Present by Russell L. Adams

Mary Church Terrell was born in 1863, the year of Emancipation Proclamation. Her entire life was devoted to the fight for equality. A writer, lecturer, organizer and demonstrator, Mrs. Terrell was active in the successful campaign to secure women the right to vote. She was instrumental in the campaign to desegregate the restaurants in the nation's capital.

Her achievements were numerous. In 1895 she was appointed to the District of Columbia school board. In 1896 she became one of the charter members of the National Association of Colored Women. In 1909 she joined the NAACP, which was then less than a year old. In 1913-14 she helped to organize the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and six years later wrote its famous creed, setting up a code of conduct for Negro women. She was also active in politics, campaigning and speaking out against discrimination and segregation. In

World War I, she worked with the War Camp Community Service, an organization which, among other things, aided in the demobilization of Negro servicemen.

Mary Church Terrell was a United States delegate to several international conferences. In London she met the famous writer, H.G. Wells and other luminaries. At the International Council of Women in Berlin, she delivered her address in three languages – English, French and German – to the amazement of the assembled delegates. Her theme was the same; equal rights for women and the Negro wherever they may be found.

A strikingly handsome woman, Mary Church was born to wealth and ease. She was a "rare combination of the high intellectual in close understanding with the mass." A native of Memphis, Tennessee, she was the daughter of Robert Church, an ex-slave of extremely high business skill who amassed a fortune in real estate

before the turn of the century. Unwilling to have his daughter face discrimination in Tennessee, Robert Church sent Mary to Ohio where she attended private and public schools, and later, Oberlin College from which she graduated in 1884 with a major in classics.

By her own choice, Mary Church Terrell made her home in Washington in the 1890's, at that time a heavily segregated city. Except for public transportation, Washington remained segregated until 1953. In that year, at the age of eighty-nine, Mrs. Terrell won the biggest and toughest battle in her life-long struggle against racial intolerance. She headed a committee of distinguished citizens to demand enforcement of a seventy-five year old law banning discrimination of "respectable persons" from restaurants. With several other Negroes, she went to a number of restaurants and was refused service. A suit was filed and the resulting test case went to the United States Supreme Court, which held that the old law was still valid. Shortly thereafter, the walls of segregation began to crumble in hotels, theatres and other places hitherto off-limits to Negroes.

Mary Church Terrell died in Annapolis, Maryland in 1954, a few months after hearing the United States Supreme Court declare that segregation itself was unconstitutional.

Get an early start on your commitment for Lent!

Support the

JCA Community Distress Fund

First Annual Fundraising Dance

Saturday, March 4, 2000

Starting at 9 p.m. at the JCA Community Centre

995 Arrow Road, Toronto (off Finch, west of Hwy 400)

Featuring: **DJ Logie International**

Tickets: \$15, Cash

bar....Refreshments on sale

The Community Distress Fund will be used to help needy families in crisis or emergency. Donations accepted.

For more information, please call the JCA, (416) 746-5772

Capital Fundraising Report

Submitted by Erma Collins, Chair

Approximately ten (10) months ago I took on the challenge of chairing this committee of which the president is an active member. Since then the continued hard work of committee members, various companies, organizations and individuals, has enabled us to raise \$72,951 in cash and pledges. Below is a breakdown.

Please note that the individuals mentioned below are those who gave directly to this committee. There are many others who have donated directly to the JCA's office or through other JCA members. We thank these donors but are unable to name them here.

Donations

From the corporate/organization side, we received the following:

Advent Contractors	\$1,000.
J.P. Bickell Foundation	\$ 2,500.
Don's Meat	\$ 1,000.
Grace Kennedy	\$ 500.
The Gleaner	\$ 400.
Jamaica Mortgage Corp.	\$ 750.
Jamaica National	\$ 5,000.
Motorola	\$22,000.
Ontario Federation of Labour	\$ 4,000.
UNIA	\$15,000.
Vere Tech.	\$ 600.
Victoria Mutual	\$ 200.
Western Union	\$15,000.

From individuals we received the following:

Hon. Lincoln Alexander	\$ 300.
Cecille Allen	\$ 501.
Dr. Avis Glaze	\$ 1,500.
Jonice Loudon	\$ 100.

Dr. Ezra Nesbeth	\$ 1,000.
Roy Williams	\$ 500.
Sandra Whiting	\$ 300.

In addition to the \$72,951 previously mentioned, the committee's follow-up letters brought in recent payments on their pledges of \$13,333 by the following banks:

CIBC	\$ 5,000.
Montreal	\$ 3,333.
Scotia	\$ 2,500.
TD	\$ 2,500.

Past Events

I gave a presentation on the JCA at a dinner party put on by Paul Barnett, (a member of the committee) in December. Pledges were made and all proceeds will go to the JCA.

Current Projects

By the time you read this, a Merritone Benefit dance will have taken place on January 29. The Committee wants to publicly thank **Mr. Winston "Merritone" Blake** for his contribution to JCA by way of holding this dance.

A **Boonoonoonos Brunch** is planned for February 20 and the first of an annual JCA Golf Tournament will be held on September 2, 2000. Sponsors are helping with these costs and will be publicly recognized in future Newsletters.

Presentation Package

Vincent Conville and Ezra Nesbeth (committee members) have put together a presentation package,

suitable for introducing the JCA to potential donors.

How You Can Help

The Committee is always in need of your help. Here are some suggestions:

Open the door to your employer by arranging a meeting at which we can use our presentation package.

Introduce us to potential sponsors, especially for the golf tournament.

Help us to sell tickets to events.

Plan a dinner party, reception or whatever you can in your home; invite possible donors and have a committee member make the presentation.

TOGETHER, WE ARE GOING TO COLLECT THOSE 'ONE ONE COCO' TO FILL THE BASKET!

The Jamaican Canadian Association.

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Executive Director's Report

Submitted by Elaine Thompson

Some key things I learned in my first month

Let me take this opportunity to share with you some things I learned about the community in my first month as the new executive director for the JCA:

Immigration statistics: Between January and November 1999, a total of 3,867 immigrants came to Ontario from the Caribbean. Destinations of choice: Toronto (2,941 immigrants, of which 42% were from Jamaica), Mississauga (478), Brampton (208) and Durham (94).

Parenting crisis: Mothers and fathers of Caribbean heritage are in the justice system, their children removed from them because of what in our community we call disciplining, but what, under the law, is called child abuse. The JCA's parenting program is unique because it tackles the cultural roots of our childrearing practices.

Many of the participants in the JCA program are there under order from the courts. They must go through the parenting course before they can get their children back.

Family reunification: The Just Desserts case brought this issue to the forefront. Children are left behind in the Caribbean with Grandma or another relative, while the parent comes to Canada to work. Eventually, the child is reunited with the parent, and in some cases, with step parents and new siblings. The intervening years make strangers of parent and child, creating an emotional gap that sometimes cannot be bridged. Feelings of isolation and alienation in the child puts him or her at risk for antisocial behaviour. The question facing agencies such as the JCA is: How can we best support the newly arrived child and the Canadian family, to ensure a

harmonious adjustment for both?

I learned that our staff, though reduced in number from earlier years, remains very committed to serving the community – our youth, our families, our women and our seniors. The JCA is one of two community organizations in Toronto that offer a comprehensive range of services to address the family – immigration settlement services, counselling, and educational programs for our children. Our work takes us into schools, into prisons, into public housing and into homes. Our goal for the coming months – to make links with the religious community so that we can address our community's issues in one of our culture's most important arenas – the churches. I have asked our funders for support, and I am asking all members and friends of the JCA for help, too. We need it.

Please feel free to call me, at (416) 746-5772, ext. 224, if you wish to contribute to the JCA's services.

Education Committee's Report

The founder of Black History Month

Submitted by Barrington Morrison, Member Education Committee.

Carter Godwin Woodson was a professor and established author when in 1926; he launched Negro History Week, the precursor of Black History Month. Negro History Week was the second week in February – coinciding with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass

and Abraham Lincoln, important figures in the civil rights history of African Americans. Woodson envisioned the week as a time to commemorate Black achievement, and educate African Americans about their past.

Woodson was born Dec. 19, 1875 on a rural farm in New Canton, Virginia. He was one of nine children. His mother was a former slave who secretly learned to read and write as a child.

Woodson studied to be a teacher, and taught at high schools in Virginia and Washington D.C. before receiving a Ph.D. from Harvard in 1912 – the second African American at the time to earn a doctorate from that institution. In 1933, he published *The Mis-education of the Negro*, a classic essay on the effect of Eurocentric racist education on African Americans.

Negro History Week became Black History Month during the 1960s.

Unrelated Bone Marrow Donor Registry, Canadian Blood Services

Submitted by Nicola Jackson
Acting Manager of Toronto Donor Centre

Remember reading about Conrad Coates, Craig Redwood, and Janelle Houghton, young adults of Jamaican descent whom, over the past few years, have needed bone marrow transplants? Now add 27-year-old Trevor Campbell's name to that list. Trevor is suffering from leukemia and no one in his family has tested as a suitable match.

Trevor was born in Kingston, Jamaica and migrated to Canada over 14 years ago. He graduated from Kipling Collegiate and is a Woodworker by trade. Since his diagnosis, Trevor has had to give up his trade as he is so often at the hospital for treatment and needs to focus on getting well.

The odds that a bone marrow match will be found among unrelated people are about 1 in 20,000.

As if that doesn't make the search difficult enough, there is also a serious shortage of black donors listed in donor registries worldwide. For example, there are over

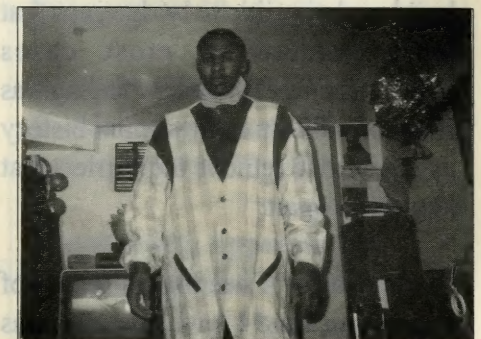
203,000 Canadians listed with the Canadian Blood Services' *Unrelated Bone Marrow Donor Registry* but less than 1,000 of these potential donors are black. For Trevor Campbell, the statistics are not encouraging. A match for him is most likely to be found among the 250,000 people of Caribbean origin in the Metro area because bone marrow types are often specific to racial groups.

Finding the proper donor match is one of the most challenging aspects of bone marrow transplants. It is not a person's blood type (A, B, O, or AB) that is the critical factor; instead, there are special proteins that are found on the surface of a person's white blood cells. These proteins are inherited as are hair colour and eye colour. They can be identified through a simple blood test in which two tubes of blood are taken from the donor's arm.

In order to join the *Unrelated Bone Marrow Donor Registry* individuals must be aged 17 - 59;

they must be in good health; they must be willing to donate to any patient in need of a transplant and they must attend a brief information session. ***If enough people in the Caribbean/Black community are interested then a special information session will be scheduled.*** The session will include a short video explaining the transplant procedures and the steps involved in donating bone marrow. There's no obligation. And you can ask as many questions as you like. ***Give an hour of your time. Give someone the chance of a lifetime.***

Please call the JCA at (416) 746-5772 if you are interested in attending an information meeting.



Trevor Campbell, needs bone marrow transplant

Membership Committee's Report

By Francella Moore, Chair

The membership committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members, supporters and their family's good health and best wishes throughout 2000.

1999 was a year with many exciting events and we are now busy making plans for 2000.

The children's Christmas party was well attended. Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus gave gifts to 360 children. Many thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Claus for a job well done. After all expenses were paid we deposited \$1,059. A big

thanks to the committee members and all those who helped to make the event successful. Also, to the businesses and individuals listed below for the donation of foods.

Grace Kennedy Ltd., The Patty Shop, Patty Palace Ltd., Jam Can Imports, Sunlight Bakery, Weston Bakeries Ltd., Western Union, Alcan Foil, Peek Frean Bakery, Gloria July, Pauline Tomlinson, Collins Richards,

Alexander Francis

New members are always welcomed to join our family. We need your help to recruit them. Please advise us if you know of anyone who is sick, passed away or need a visit from the visitation group. Also, remember to inform us if you have moved or change your telephone number so that we may update our files.

Have a safe winter and watch out for the other driver.

BLACKS & JEWS-LET'S TALK

A discussion with Morley Wolfe & Vincent Conville

Morley Wolfe a man of many titles, two of which are Co-chair, Inter-Cultural Dialogue, League for Human Rights, B'nai Brith Foundation and Chair, Toronto Committee on Community, Race & Ethnic Relations is a visionary.

Vincent Conville is JCA Board Member; Chair of JCA's Education Committee, Teacher among many other titles is also a visionary.

In 1985 both Morley and Vincent were members of a group who decided it was important for Blacks and Jews to build a relationship to bridge gaps that were created in most cases unintentionally. The general feeling was Blacks and Jews had a similar history and needed to remove the barriers that kept them apart.

Morley states "A steering committee of 4 Jamaican's and 4 Jewish couples was set up. We met at the B'nai Brith Lodge at Wilson Heights and agreed to hold our first meeting the following Sunday. We would invite 20 couples from each group and have round table discussions in a 'checker board' format of 8 - 10 per table. No couple would be allowed to sit together and no 2 Jews or Blacks would sit next to each other".

Vincent states "we discussed proper foods, bearing in mind it was around Passover time. Along with finger foods, Gefilte fish (blended white fish - made to look like burgers) and matzo along with coffee was agreed. We discussed start time for the event, and though we agreed to start at 2:00 in the afternoon, it was decided to say 1:30 due to what

is known as 'JST'. The Jews questioned what JST meant and when told 'Jamaican Standard Time' - which meant everyone would get there by 2:00 p.m., the Jews broke up laughing. The Jews also share JST, except it means 'Jewish Standard Time'."

Morley continues, "the steering committee arrives at 1:30 expecting to wait until 2:00, but to our amazement, all 20 couples show up at 1:30 p.m." "We had a field day with that." Once we sat, the people asked what was the program. We told them 'you are the program'. With that, people started talking and something we thought would take 90 minutes, went on for nearly 4 hours."

Vincent - "We agreed to the next meeting to be held 6 weeks later at the JCA on Dupont Street. The Jamaican's had told others about the first meeting and over 200 showed up. This surprised the committee. We were unable to use the same format and so we set up a 'panel'. Questions were asked as we all tried to dispel ideas/fears

that had formed over time. A very sacred moment at the Dupont meeting was when 4 Jamaican's were chosen to light the menorah with along 4 Jews. I have always considered this a great honour and privilege given to us by the Jews."

Morley - "Due to the overwhelming turnout at Dupont, the format was changed and families agreed to meet in each others homes. Some couples had 2 couples in their homes."

Vincent - "My wife Fay and I had two families. One family had survived the holocaust and this made for exceptionally poignant and interesting discussions. We were able to share the historical injustices leveled on both races."

Morley/Vincent - "The experience was truly rewarding and gave us all very good feelings about each other. Some of these relationships/friendships continue to this day. It is necessary and we feel strongly that this effort should be continued."

Morley - "Please join us February 22 so we can continue building bridges.

{See invitation to "HOLD THIS DATE"}



Morley Wolfe presenting Rosa Parks with Plaque

HOLD THIS DATE !

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 2000

7:00 P.M.

BLACKS AND JEWS - LET'S TALK!

To celebrate Black History Month, the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada, in co-operation with the Ontario Black History Society, is hosting a joint community dialogue on the past, present, and future of Black/Jewish relations.

The recent rise in incidents of hate, violence, racism, and anti-Semitism calls once again for the Black and Jewish communities to unite in common cause to eliminate such evils.

Please join us to hear such dynamic speakers as Zanana Akande and Alan Borovoy remind us of what we accomplished together in the 40's & 50's & 60's. Meet many of the leaders of both communities who were there at the time. Hear youth representatives tell us what their lived realities and relationships are like today. And participate in lively group discussions about how we can work together in the future. See a powerful exhibit.

BLACKS AND JEWS - LET'S TALK!
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22ND, 7 P.M.
15 HOVE ST.

(1 BLOCK WEST OF BATHURST, NORTH OF SHEPPARD)

What we may not be able to do alone, we may be able to do together, and what we do together will affect everyone
Be part of the process!

For more information contact 633-6224, ext. 112 or any member of the Steering Committee.

UPCOMING WOMEN'S COMMITTEE EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Theme: Women Recognizing Women"
Date: Sunday, March 19, 2000
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Place: Jamaican Canadian Association Centre

JAMAICAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Black History Month Presentation

Jamaican Labour Movement History Film, Feb. 18, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

BOONOOONOS Brunch & Brawta Feb. 20, 1-4 p.m.

Official Opening of JCA's Marcus Garvey Library Feb 26, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

JCA Senior's Presents Discussion on Alzheimer's Disease Feb 29 at 2:00 p.m.

Launch of Distress Fund Fundraising Benefit Dance Sat. March 4, 8:30 p.m.

Membership Appreciation Evening March 11, 4 - 7 p.m.

JCA Senior's Presents Discussion on Pension Matters, March 14, 1:00 p.m.

International Women's Day Celebration, "WOMEN RECOGNIZING WOMEN" March 19, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

LAUNCH OF JCA's OFFICIAL CAR RAFFLE (Date: To be Announced)

Membership Forum Sponsor: Women's Committee Sat. April, 15 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cook's Corner

Submitted by Claudette Cameron-Stewart

Benjamin's Easter Bun

('Benjamin' as in the Vanilla)

Traditionally, Easter in Jamaica is not complete without the indescribable great taste of Bun and Cheese. Once Christmas has passed the next big season that involves food to look forward to is Easter. Bun, Cheese and Fish become the order of the day. It has now become quite fashionable for families to have homemade buns. There are various recipes and from the archives of one Jamaican, here is one Easter Bun recipe.

The raisins should always be properly washed prior to baking.

Ingredients

3 Cups Flour
1 Cup Dark Sugar
1 Bottle Stout
1 cup each – Raisins/Cherries/
Mixed Peel
1 Tbsp Marmalade
1 Tsp. Cinnamon
2 Tbsps. Benjamin's Vanilla
3 Tsp. Baking Powder
1 Tbsp. Molasses (Optional)
¼ Cup Honey
2 Tbsps. Butter/Margarine
1-2 Tsp Mixed Spice
1 Tbsp Strawberry Jam
2 Tbsps Benjamin's Browning

Method

Preheat oven to 350F. Grease pan generously and dust lightly with flour

Mix all dry ingredients together.

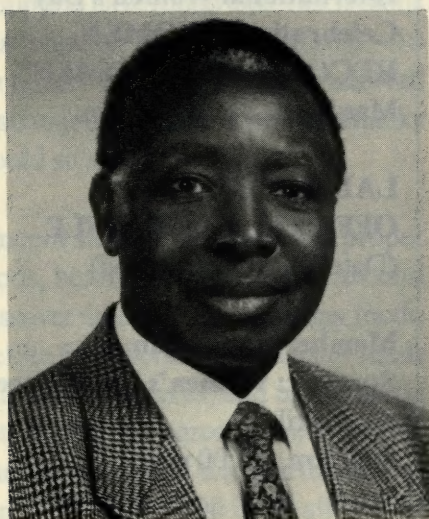
Warm Stout, molasses, honey, marmalade, jam and butter/margarine, browning together. Stir until well blended.

Add liquid, including vanilla to flour mixture. Mix until properly blended

Bake for 1 hour or until toothpick (knife will do) inserted in centre comes out clean. Apply glaze once bun is cool. (See glaze below)

GLAZE

½ Cup sugar
1 cup water
Boil together to form a thick syrup and apply to cool bun



Vincent Conville

Fundraising Events

Submitted by Pat Williams

The New Year's Eve Gala was very well attended despite the Y2K media scare. We would like to thank all our members and supporters who attended.

Y2K Initiatives

- We are planning another car raffle, which will be launched in April. More details will be available at the membership meeting in February.

- Our goal for the car raffle is net \$75,000. We will need many ticket agents to make this raffle another success. Please contact Pat Williams at 416-746-5772 ext. 427.
- The JCA has prints of "Black Woman" a powerful piece of artwork by Trevor Lawrence on sale at the low cost of \$20.00 each. The print is very poetic and realistic depicting the "Black Woman's" journey from Africa to her present role in society.